Boston. January 16. 1837

Dear Debora,

Mr Bent called on Wednesday morning and
took my bundle for you, and I comforted myself that night
that you were enjoying "The Slave". I hope that Mr B told you
how much better I was, for I charged him so to do. That day
I felt really smart, and the day was so beautiful & it seemed
so warm & comfortable that I really felt as if it would not have
hurt me to have come. But on the whole, I concluded that I
acted the most prudently. I believe I wrote something on the
outside of the letter about Sarah Ann's father being so ill. I
will state the whole matter now & not stop hereafter to talk about
it. On Tuesday Sarah Ann came in town from Roxbury to go up
to Hamilton to take care of Mrs Bailey who has an abscess on her
breast. After she came to our house, Mr Bailey came with
a letter from Mrs Dodge, saying that Mr Dodge was so ill that
S. A. must come directly up. Mr B told her that he did not think
that he would ever recover, for the last time that he was at H.
he noticed how very fast Mr D had failed. S. was a good deal over
whelmed, but on the whole, she bore it pretty well; we invited
Mr B, as he was going up to Hamilton in the afternoon, to let
Adeline & Ellen come & stay with us till after he returned. This
they did. Mr B returned on Friday and they went out to R then. Mr
B said that his wife was better, but he thought that Mr D was
in a critical state; he thought that ~~they~~ he had had an attack
of paralysis, and that though ~~they~~ might languish for some time
he thought he would never sit up again. Sarah Ann ~~wrote~~ me that
it took two men to move her father in his bed, that he could
not help himself in the least. How long Sarah Ann will stay up
there I cannot say. Wed morning I called upon Mary Parker who
came down from her chamber for the first time. She was looking
rather miserably, & her nervous system appears to have been very
much disarranged. In the afternoon the meeting of our Society was
held. It was quite a full one and Miss Sullivan presided. She did
extremely well. Only her prayer was too low to be heard. Maria
read the Chap in Heb that speaks of the triumphs of faith and of the
women who "wrought righteousness &c. Then the Committee on the Dis-
trict reported and it appears that the petitions have come in

Proffer my congratulations to Mrs Thurston when you see her & tell her that I expected a bit of cake

very well. I have had but a few it is true, but, I hope the
New Bedford petition is on its winding way. Did I tell you
that I had received a letter from Daniel Webster, stating that
he would present my petitions the first opportunity & move
that they be referred to a select committee and ending by
declaring he was mine with much regard. If I have written
you this before you must excuse it, for I have written so many
letters Jan 19. I will take up just where I left off. After we of
the Committee on the District had reported, we took a vote to take
50 copies of the Liberator, for gratuitous distribution throughout the
State. And wonderful to relate, we found on enquiry, that we
had in the treasury the sum of $1,00 even after our pledge
is all paid off. This fact of our taking the Liberator is to be
publicly announced at the Mass meeting in order to stir up
others to do something similar. Mrs Shipley then introduced the
motion that we give this year $5,00 to the Samaritan Asylum
Ann Chapman made a very good speech opposing it, shewing
that our enemies would maintain that, but that we must
do for the Society. Mrs Shipley however persisted & had it put
to vote, we all voting against it. We had the majority &
it was not carried. I then read two letters & it was voted
that we should purchase enough "Rights & Wrongs" to
give the whole Society one. Nineteen dollars worth of things
that were left of the Fair were then sold. Mrs Loring was
so kind as to bring me home. Thursday morning I went
to riding school, then called at Ann Chapmans. Friday
nothing at all special. Caroline went out to Roxbury & staid
the night. Saturday afternoon Mrs James Robbins called.
She boards at the very next house, Mrs Swaseys. She
appears to be in a very good state of mind. Sunday morn
ing I went to Mr Winslows church, heard him preach pass-
ably. It was so cold I did not go out during the rest of
the day, but learned that Mr Fitch preached over at
Bowdoin St. He prayed for the Slaves, but just in the style
that Mr Winslow does himself. One thing you will I know
be rather glad of. There is difficulty about supporting him.
His salary is $12 00 but that they can with difficulty raise
& he wants $18 00. He has had a call to Lowell & I trust
he will accept it. All this rather pleases me but I conceive
my joy

Sunday evening I wrote to Dr Farnsworth, informing him that
I would go up to Groton with him directly after the Annual
meeting of the Mass. The last time he was down, he wanted me
to go back with him, but my health prevented. Now I am so much
better that I feel able to go, & at the same time I am too poor
to do much at home. I therefore think that it will be a good
plan for me to go to Groton, & probably I shall stay about a
fortnight. I shall return therefore about a week ~~after~~ before
your return to Boston. But I shall write to you just before I
go & you need say nothing to the Bents about my going at
present. Monday afternoon Hervey left for Yale & yesterday
Ma went to Weymouth. Lizzy went with her. Aunt Mary is
not going to Duxbury till after the Annual meeting, but is com
ing to Boston next Mon or Tues. I do not think there is much
prospect of Weld's being here, but it is not impossible. We
[illegible] to have a good meeting. Yesterday I walked out trust
t[illegible]lgeport with Ange. Melania is in the extreme of Pam bru
She [illegible]lly is living very comfortably and seems to ge[illegible] res
with [illegible]rother Parker very cosily. The Ammidons are going to
break up housekeeping in the spring and Mr A is going to
Europe. Probably Ange will board with Melania. Ann Chap
man & Maria took tea here yesterday; no special news however
transpired. Your N. B. petition has just come. I added your name
I think however that it ought to be sent to John Reed, consid
ering the polite letter that he wrote to the N. B Ladies
I will send the velvets and a Russel. I have not yet
carried Mrs Emerson's little combs, but will the first time
I go out. I shall send this by "the young man who when
he left the petition at Maria's offered to call tomorrow and
get any thing she wished to send. I am obliged for the little cap,
you sent which fitted me very well. If any thing chances of
importance I will write something more. Caroline is going
out to Roxbury this afternoon to take tea with Mr Putnam's
no, I mean Mr Abbott's sewing circle. As to the N. B brethren
I quite glory in their spunk; I hope you will enjoy Brother
May's company to the utmost. We rejoice at your present
comfortable state and trust it may continue. Caroline has
so much to do that

Proffer my congratulations to Mrs Thurston when you see her & tell her that I she can find no time to write. As to the Philadelphia plan I have great doubts of its succeeding. ever yrs A.W.W.

enquire after the Fairhaven petition & have it sent on.

Miss Debora Weston
New Bedford

Mr Hamblin.

I have sent $2
thinking you might
need it.

Ms.A.9.2.7